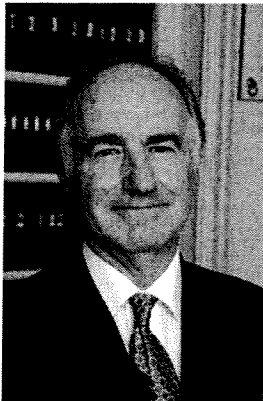


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Practice

Commercial work, specialising in domestic and international banking, arbitration, business law, commercial fraud, company law, financial services, financial regulation, international trade, insolvency, conflicts of law.

Reported cases include:

- *Brooks Associates Inc v Basu* [1983] QB 220
- *Esal v. Oriental Credit* [1985] 2 Lloyd's Rep 546
- *LAFB v. Bankers Trust* [1989] QB 728
- *LAFB v. Manufacturers Hanover* [1989] 1 Lloyd's Rep 608
- *IE Contractors v. Lloyds Bank* [1990] 2 Lloyd's Rep 696
- *Barclays Bank v. O'Brien* [1994] AC 190
- *Polly Peck v. Citibank* The Times 20 October 1993
- *TSB v. Camfield* [1995] 1 WLR 430
- *Macmillan v. Bishopsgate* [1996] 1 WLR 387
- *Wahda Bank v. Arab Bank* [1996] 1 Lloyd's Rep 470
- *MCC Proceeds v. Bishopsgate* [1999] CLC 417
- *Middle Temple v. Lloyds* [1999] 1 All ER (Comm) 193
- *Struggles v Lloyds Bank* [2000] 06 LS Gaz R 37
- *Banca Carige S.p.A. v. Banco Nacional de Cuba* [2001] 2 Lloyd's Rep 147
- *Linklaters v HSBC* [2003] 2 Lloyd's Rep 545
- *Attorney General of Zambia v Meer Care & Desai* [2005] EWHC 2102 (Ch), [2006] EWCA Civ 390, [2007] EWHC 952 (Ch)
- *Suisse Security Bank & Trust v Central Bank of The Bahamas* [2006] UKPC 11, [2006] UKPC 41
- *Donegal International Ltd v Zambia* [2007] 1 Lloyd's Rep 397
- *Conticorp SA v Central Bank of Ecuador* [2007] UKPC 40

Clients

Banks, financial institutions and their clients in England and internationally.

Arbitration and mediation

- Referee (reg. 23 list), Investment Business Compensation Scheme (ICA) 1995 -
- Panel Member, ACI 1999 -
- Panel Member, Review Committee, Banking Code Standards Board 1999 -
- Member, LCIA 2000 -
- CEDR accredited mediator 2000 -

Appointments

- Visiting Professor of Law, London School of Economics 1994-
- Honorary Fellow of the Society for Advanced Legal Studies 1997-
- Recorder of the Crown Court- 1998-
- Member of the Academic Advisory Board, Asian Institute of International Financial Law, Hong Kong 1999-
- Visiting Professor, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London 1999-
- Member, Council of the International Law Association, British Branch 2000-
- Part-time legal Chairman, Financial Services and Markets Tribunal (FINSMAT) 2001-
- Deputy High Court Judge 2003-
- Chairman, Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR) 2003-2005
- Barrister of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands 2003-
- Chairman of the International Monetary Law Committee of the International Law Association 2004-
- Chairman, Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Tribunal 2006-
- Member of the Advisory Council, British Institute of International and Comparative Law 2006-

Other assignments

- Work with International Monetary Fund (assignments include Eastern Europe, China, Hong Kong, and Kuwait) 1991-
- Drafting payment systems laws, Ghana 1999-2000
- Member, of the Bank of England Task Force on Major Operational Disruption in the Financial System, and Chair of the Emergency Powers Working Group 2003-
Report at www.bankofengland.co.uk/publications/taskforce

What the Guides say

"Interviewees celebrate William Blair QC as a consummate banking lawyer, a reputation that blends well with his work in the financial services industry" (Chambers Client's Guide to the UK Legal Profession (2005)).

The Lawyer Awards 2007, shortlisted finalist, Barrister of the Year

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Publications

Books

- Editor *Banks and Remedies*, 2nd edn (LLP, London, 1999)
- Co-editor *Encyclopaedia of Banking Law* (Butterworths, London, 1999) looseleaf and electronic format
- Editor *Banks, Liability and Risk*, 3rd edn, (LLP, London, 2001)
- Co-author *Banking and Financial Services Regulation*, 3rd edn (Butterworths, London, 2002)
- General editor Bullen & Leake & Jacob's *Precedents of Pleadings*, 16th edn (London, Sweet & Maxwell, 2008)
- Co-author *The International Law of Tainted Money*, to be published Oxford University Press 2008

Periodicals

- General Editor Journal of Banking Regulation
- Member editorial board of Capital Markets Law Journal
- Member of the editorial advisory boards of Journal of International Banking Law and regulation
- Foreign contributing editor, Banking & Finance Law Review (Canada)

Articles, casenotes etc

- *Charges over Cash Deposits*, International Financial Law Review, Nov 1983, p.14
- *Cash Deposits as a Form of Security*, Butterworths, Banking and Financial Law Review, 1987, p.162
- *Negotiability and Estoppel*, 1988, 1 JIBL (Journal of International Banking Law), p.8
- *Following the Proceeds of Fraud*, Current Developments in International Banking, ed Koh Kheng Liang and others, Butterworths, Singapore, 1989 (with P. Cresswell QC), p.266
- *Extraterritorial Orders Affecting Banks*, BFLR (Banking & Finance Law Review), May 1992
- *The Modern Relationship of Banker and Customer in English Law*, (a chapter in European Banking Law, ed R. Cranston, Lloyds of London Press, 1993, 2nd edn, 1999)
- *Regulation and Deregulation in UK*, (a chapter in International Banking Regulation eds JJ Norton, CJ Cheng & I Fletcher, Graham & Trotman, London, 1994) p.81
- *Insulating against Perceived Risks and the Role of the Choice of Law*, NAFTA, Law & Business Review of the Americas, Autumn 1995, p.60
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- *Set-off and Charges over Cash*, 12 BFLR, Sept 1996, p.167
- *Recent Developments in UK Banking Law*, (a chapter in Current Legal Issues Affecting Central Banks, ed R. Effros, Vol 4, International Monetary Fund, March 1997) p.235
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- *Contracts and Monetary Union*, 8 European Business Law Review, Oct 1997, p.228.
- *The Reform of Financial Regulation in the UK*, [1998] JIBL, p.43
- *The Legal Status of Central Bank Investments under English Law*, [1998] Vol 57, Cambridge Law Journal, p.374
- *Derivatives Sales: Private Law and the Impact of Regulatory Standards*, (a chapter in European Securities markets, ed G. Ferrarini, Kluwer, London, 1998) p.135
- *Dealing with Banks in Distress*, foreword and afterword to chs 10 and 11 of Current Legal Issues affecting Central Banks (ed R. Effros, Vol 5, IMF, April 1998) pp.252 and 303
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- *Secondary Liability of Financial Institutions for the Fraud of Third Parties*, (2000) Vol 30 Hong Kong Law

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- *International Standards in the Governance of Financial Markets*, Journal of Financial Crime, Vol 8, No 3, Feb 2001, p.248 (with Cheong Ann Png)
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